On Page 63, line 11, after "NADFDGD- motif:" please insert - - (SEQ ID NO:4) - - .

The Applicants also request that the enclosed Substitute Sequence Listing be inserted into the Specification in place of the current Sequence Listing. This Sequence Listing corresponds to the third and final diskette placed in the file in the parent application.

Please amend the Title to read:

-- A CRYSTAL OF BACTERIAL CORE RNA POLYMERASE (AMENDED) --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 9-20 without prejudice.

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to cross reference related applications, incorporate references to the appropriate SEQ ID NOs. where specific sequences are indicated, and to change the title to more distinctly represent the subject matter being claimed. No new matter has been entered.

No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by the foregoing amendment.

However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account

No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments into the file history of the above-identified Application. Early and favorable action on the pending Claims are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Preliminary Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted, KLAUBER & JACKSON

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